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Skill Development in Border/Remote Areas
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched any special skill development programme/policy particularly for the youth in border/remote areas particularly in Jammu and Kashmir so that the talented youth from the rural areas can be brought forward in the development process of the society and the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

(a) to (b) Yes Madam, Ministry of Home Affairs has launched two skill development programmes namely Udaan and Border Area Development Programme (BADP), for the youth in border/remote areas in Jammu & Kashmir. Under the scheme "Udaan" specifically launched for Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) is funded by Ministry of Home Affairs and is implemented by National Skill Development Corporation(NSDC) with the objectives to provide exposure to the graduates and post graduates of J&K .
The programme is a part of the overall initiative for addressing economic issues in J&K. While steps are being taken by the State and Central Government to revive economic activity in J&K, Udaan programme is a special initiative to address the needs of the educated unemployed in J&K especially graduate and post graduates and three year diploma engineers. Simultaneously, the aim is also to provide exposure to corporate India towards the rich talent pool available in J&K. The principal focus of this scheme is to create an ecosystem that would provide the necessary corporate exposure to the educated youth of J&K.
Under BADP, Ministry of Home Affairs has not launched any special skill development programmes/policies for the youth in border/remote areas in Jammu & Kashmir. However, Department of Border Management in the Ministry of Home Affairs has been implementing BADP to meet the needs of the people living in remote and inaccessible areas situated near the international land borders in approximately 391 identified border blocks of 106 districts of 17 States. The BADP is 100% centrally funded gap filling programme to supplement the efforts of the State Government to develop the border areas. One of the objective of BADP is to generate employment in the border areas. Guidelines of the BADP provides for inclusion of scheme of capacity building programme by way of vocational studies and training for youth for self-employment and skill upgradation of Artisans, Weavers etc. It has been made obligatory on the part of the State Governments to include the schemes of skill development, capacity building and employment generation of minimum 10% (50% share should be for women) for their annual allocation under BADP.